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## A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER

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## C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category *	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
A	US 4,759,759 A (WALKER et al.) 26 July 1998 (26.07.1998), Abstract, column 5 and lines 14-36.	1-24
A	US 6,494,909 B2 (GREENHALGH) 17 December 2002 (17.12.2002), Abstract, column 1, lines 51-67, column 2 and lines 1-30.	1-24
A	US 6,517,576 B2 (GABBAY) 11 February 2003 (11.02.2003), Abstract, column 1, lines 66 and 67, column 2 and lines 1-19.	1-24

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